

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached 1 replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1A to 1C and replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1A to 1C.

Figs. 1A to 1C have been amended to show the second wiring 114 formed above the first wiring layer 111 and the source and drain electrodes 109 and 110.

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheet (1 page)

Annotated Sheet Showing Change(s) (1 page)

REMARKS

Claims 10-42 are pending with claims 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 42 being independent. Claims 10, 15, 16, 20 and 30 have been amended and claims 40-42 have been added. Support for the amendments to claims 10, 20 and 30, and for new claim 40, may be found in the published application at Fig. 5 and paragraphs [0022] (noting that flat cable 906 is electrically connected to supply signals to the device through the peripheral wiring lines 907 that are connected to wirings 908 and 909 in the peripheral circuits 903 and 904) and [0047] (noting that the wiring techniques recited are particularly applicable to wiring lines in peripheral circuits). Support for the amendments to claim 15 may be found in the published application at Fig. 1B and paragraph [0061]. New claim 41 finds support, for example, in pending claim 10. New independent claim 42 finds support in the published application at Figs. 1A-1C and paragraphs [0056] and [0061]. No new matter has been introduced.

Initially, applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 25-29 and 35-39.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the personal interview granted to the undersigned on October 11, 2007. The following remarks reflect the substance of the interview.

Also, applicant does not appear to have received an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied the information disclosure statement filed on July 2, 2007. Applicant requests that the Examiner review the references cited in the information disclosure statement and provide an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the next communication.

The specification and drawings have been amended in response to the Examiner's objections. As discussed at the interview, these amendments were approved in related application 10/850,117, and do not add new matter. While the amended passage of the specification, prior to the amendment, did not explicitly state that the other auxiliary wiring line 114 is connected to the wiring line 111 using multiple contact holes, such use of contact holes is strongly implied by the discussion throughout the specification of connecting parallel wiring lines in this way, and the advantages that result. This passage has been amended to affirmatively recite that the connection between the other auxiliary wiring line 114 and the wiring line 111 is

through a plurality of contact holes. Figs. 1A to 1C have been amended accordingly. For the reasons noted above, applicant requests withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

Claim 16 has been amended in response to the rejection under section 112, second paragraph. The amendment is believed to address the Examiner's concerns.

Claims 10, 12-15, 17-20, 22, 24, 30, 32 and 34 have been rejected as being anticipated by Ohori (U.S. Patent No. 5,929,948). With respect to claims 10, 20 and 30, and their dependent claims, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because, as discussed at the interview, Ohori doesn't show electrical connection to a flat cable to supply signals, as recited in each of amended independent claims 10, 20 and 30. As also discussed at the interview, signals would not be supplied to the common electrode defined by the layers 217 and 227 of Ohori, since that electrode is merely maintained at a common potential. (See Ohori at col. 1, lines 65-67.) Accordingly, for at least these reasons, the rejection should be withdrawn.

With respect to claim 15 and its dependent claims, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because, as discussed at the interview, Ohori doesn't show having the first and second wirings intersect the plurality of gate lines, as recited in claim 15. In particular, Ohori does not show having the layers 217 and 227, which the rejection equates with the recited first and second wirings, intersect with gate lines. Accordingly, for at least this reason, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 11, 16, 21 and 31 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Ohori in view of Yamazaki (U.S. Patent No. 5,899,547), and claims 23 and 33 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Ohori in view of Shimada (U.S. Patent No. 5,530,573). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Yamazaki and Shimada do not remedy the failure of Ohori to describe or suggest the subject matter of the independent claims.

New independent claim 42 recites features similar to those discussed above with respect to claim 15, and is allowable for at least the same reasons.

Accordingly, applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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